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SUBJECT: CUTBACK IN PLANS FOR CHARTERS FROM WEST COAST TO HELSINKI

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1. APPARENTLY MUSIC CITY TOURS IS HAVING TROUBLE GETTING ITS SERIES OF CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM THE WEST COAST VIA THE NORTH POLE TO HELSINKI OFF THE GROUND. DEPARTMENT CHIEF V-M. METSALAMPI OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF CIVIL AVIATION TELLS US THAT AN OFFICIAL OF MUSIC CITY TOURS INFORMED HIM WHILE VISITING HERE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO THAT PLANS WOULD HAVE TO BE CUT BACK SHARPLY FROM THE PREVIOUS ESTIMATE OF 9,000 AMERICANS TRAVELING IN A SERIES OF 37 CHARTER FLIGHTS BEGINNING IN AUGUST. NOW IT APPEARS THAT MUSIC CITY TOURS IS THINKING OF ONLY A FEW FLIGHTS AT THE END OF THIS YEAR AND EARLY NEXT YEAR. SALES PROBLEMS WERE SAID TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE CUTBACK.

2. METSALAMPI NOTED THAT THE SAME ORGANIZER IN THE PAST HAD PUT

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FORWARD EXTENSIVE PLANS THAT HAD NOT MATERIALIZED. GUNNAR KORHONEN, PRESIDENT OF FINNAIR, HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE PROJECT (REFTEL B).

3. IT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST THAT THE BOARD OF AVIATION HAS OFFERED TO DEPART FROM ECAC GUIDELINES ON NORTH ATLANTIC CHARTERS TO PERMIT SUBSTITUTION OF 7 PERCENT FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC (OUTSIDE

THE WAITING LIST) WITH A CUTOFF OF 7 DAYS BEFORE THE PLANNED DATE OF DEPARTURE. THE BOARD DID SO ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BRITISH HAD TAKEN SUCH A POSITION TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC TO THE UK DURING THE PERIOD OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

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